

THE 2000 GLOBAL APPEAL

This Global Appeal is published to alert the international community - including donors - to UNHCR's priorities and plans for the year 2000, and thus to the misfortune and prospects of the hundreds of thousands of refugees and other people UNHCR intends to assist. This is UNHCR's third Global Appeal, but the first to present worldwide needs in a single unified budget. UNHCR depends almost exclusively on voluntary contributions to finance its operations. It is therefore important that donors make funding commitments as early as possible on the basis of this Appeal. This will allow UNHCR to implement its programmes according to plans, without postponements or unnecessary interruptions in activities.

STRUCTURE

The 2000 Global Appeal differs from its predecessors. Instead of presenting UNHCR's operations in terms of the traditional division between General and Special Programmes, this Appeal maintains the structure of a unified Annual Programme Budget, divided into country programmes, as endorsed by the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme in October 1999.

Three types of chapters can be found in this Global Appeal:

Firstly, **Regional Overviews** cover all countries in a region in which UNHCR has a presence and for which separate budgets have been established (with country totals). The overviews sum up recent developments and the strategy for the region as a whole.

Secondly, separate chapters are presented for **countries** with financial requirements of more than USD 3 million (with budgets detailed by sector).

Countries with requirements of less than USD 3 million are mentioned in the Regional Overviews, though in less detail.

Thirdly, some Regional Overviews include one or more text boxes that briefly describe a particular refugee population, or a theme of particular concern to UNHCR. Their purpose is to summarise UNHCR's strategy for the **situation** or **theme** described and to highlight the complexity and often cross-border nature of refugee situations. Assistance to displaced populations, help with asylum in neighbouring or sometimes more distant countries, repatriation to and subsequent reintegration in the country of origin: these are activities frequently implemented simultaneously for one and the same refugee population and hence demand a "situational" approach to the formulation of protection strategy and programme design. A situation budget is therefore made up of different components of more than one country budget.

